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1. A new non-Communist Trades Union was established in Medan in mid-December 1950.* Twelve labor organizations are affiliated with it, including:
 - a. Persatuan Buruh Motor (PEM) (Motor Transport Workers Union)
 - b. Bank Employees Union
 - c. Printers Union
 - d. Persatuan Buruh Perkebunan Republik Indonesia (PERBUPRI) (Association of Estate Laborers of the Republic of Indonesia)
 - e. Municipal Workers Union
 - f. Import and Export Employees Union.
2. Murala Silitonga is leader of this new union. Silitonga was head of the legal section of the Central Organisasi Buruh Seluruh Indonesia (SOBSI) until he lost favor and was "purged."

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* Comment. According to a newspaper report, a General Labor Organization Formation Committee met in Medan on 14 December 1950. Its purpose was to establish a new central labor union which could perform for right-wing labor the same services SOBSI performs for left-wing labor. No name had been chosen for the organization at that time. The formative meeting was presided over by Silitonga.

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